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SUBJ: FRG REACTION TO SALT AGREEMENT

REF: STATE 93682

1. SUMMARY. THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT AND AN OPPOSITION
DEPUTY HAVE WELCOMED THE SIGNATURE IN MOSCOW OF THE
SALT AGREEMENTS. END SUMMARY.

2. THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAS ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

BEGIN TEXT

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THE
SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE TWO PARTIAL AGREEMENTS IN
THE FIELD OF SALT NEGOTIATIONS, NAMELY AN AGREEMENT ON
THE LIMITATION OF ABM SYSTEMS AND AN AGREEMENT FREEZING
LAND AND SEA BASED OFFENSIVE WEAPON SYSTEMS. THE
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WELCOMES THESE TWO AGREEMENTS.

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THEY REPRESENT A FIRST STEP IN THE DIRECTION OF A STABILIZATION OF THE NUCLEAR BALANCE BETWEEN EAST AND WEST. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EXPRESSES THE HOPE THAT FURTHER AGREEMENTS ON THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC WEAPONS WILL FOLLOW. END TEXT.

3. SPD PARTY SPOKESMAN LOTHER SCHWARTZ DESCRIBED THE SALT AGREEMENTS AS "AN EVENT OF HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE" AND "AN IMPRESSIVE ACT OF COMMON SENSE WHICH WILL BENEFIT NOT ONLY THE TWO SUPER POWERS BUT ALSO THE WHOLE WORLD."

4. CDU:CSU OPPOSITION PARLIAMENTARY MANAGER OLAF VON WRANGEL ALSO WELCOMED THE SALT AGREEMENTS, SAYING IT COULD BE "THE FIRST STEP TOWARD GENERAL AND CONTROLLED DISARMAMENT." CASH

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